

REPORT

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1

DATE OF CONTENT                      25X1

DATE OBTAINED                      PREPARED 24 March 1953

REFERENCES                     

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REMARKS                     

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 2 and 7 February 1953, work was still under way on the southern section of the runway at Oranienburg airfield. All the construction material, boards, crushed stones and sand were removed along the entire runway. The light poles along the runway were also removed. Some of the poles were re-erected along the taxiway to the old hangar in the northern section of the field and along the taxiway near the intersection with the spur track. Lamps were fitted on these poles. A concrete mixing machine was still observed at the southern section of the runway, next to a construction shed. No work was being done on the fence along the western border of the field.<sup>1</sup>

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2. In February,                      the location and direction of the runway and                      a sketch of the airfield. A strip at a right angle to the runway, 290 meters from the road leading along Wilhelminenhof to Veltener Bridge was being excavated.<sup>2</sup> Up to 25 February, no changes were observed on the taxiways, but the area was surveyed several times.

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3. The damage caused by the explosion of a mine along the runway was not repaired on 25 February. Soldiers were searching for other buried mines.
4. In February, large quantities of cement, crushed stones and gravel arrived. The arrival of numerous concrete slabs was observed in the last days of February.<sup>1</sup>
5. The search for demolition blocks at the field continued until 2 March. Some workers of the Bauunion had left for other airfield construction sites. Most of them had gone to Schorfheide. Concreting was scheduled to be resumed in March. Work was also to start on the taxiways which meet with the runway to the north. Allegedly, the hangar is to be provided with a glass roof, and barracks buildings are to be constructed.<sup>3</sup>
1.                      Comment. Work on the runway at Oranienburg airfield was completed. Improvement work at the field was delayed until the area could to be searched for demolition blocks.

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2.                      Comment. For location and direction of runway, see Annex.

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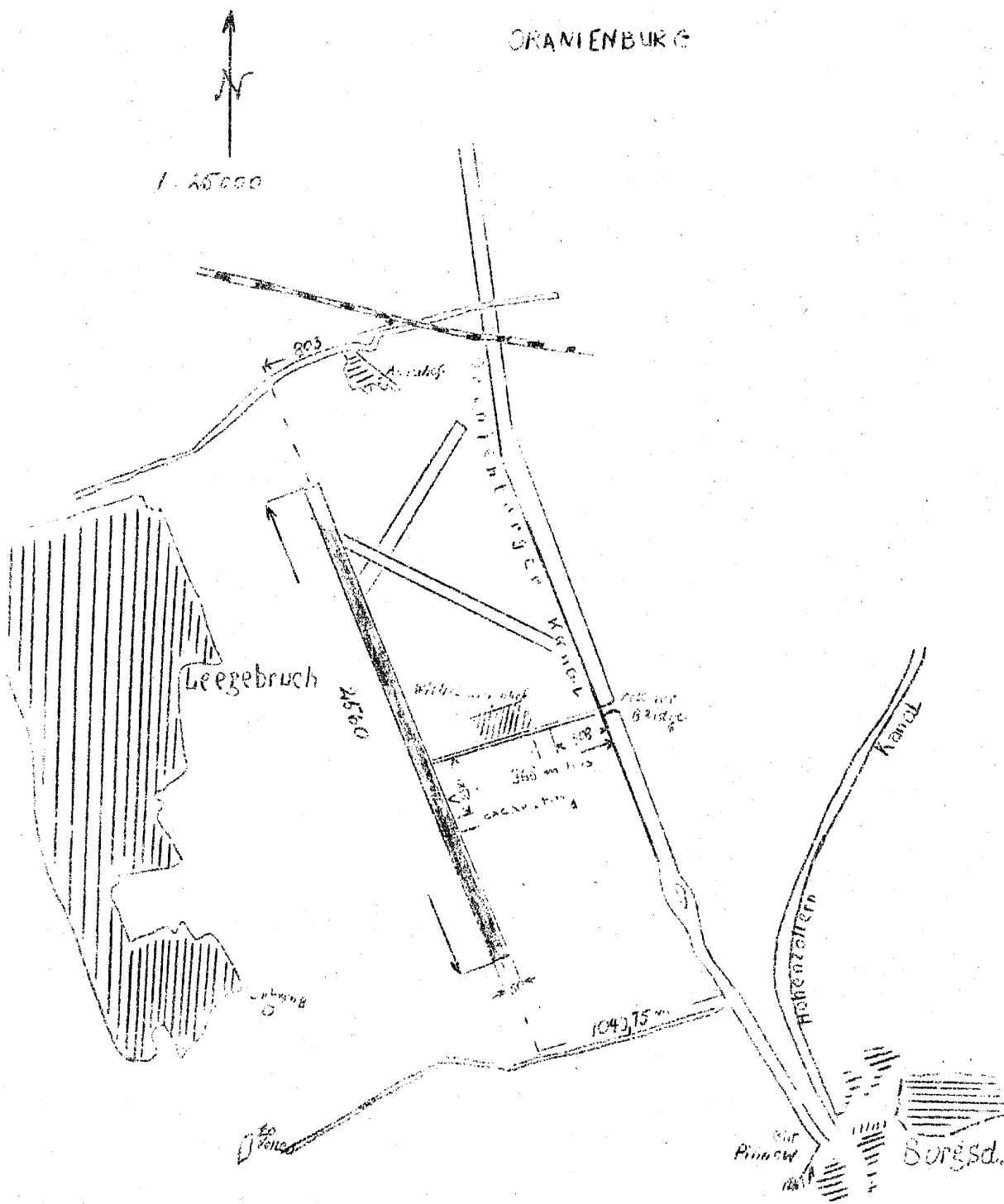
3.  Comment. In late December 1952, it was stated that the runway and taxiways were to be completed by 5 April 1953. Probably, this target date will not be kept. It was previously reported that above-ground construction was intended. This information requires confirmation.

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